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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I support broadband competition.

I was among the first to sign up for 1Mb+ ADSL from PacBell when it became available in my area in 1998. I value speed, reliability, service, cost, and competition between internet providers. I chose Wave Broadband over Comcast when given a choice in 2005.

I have also subscribed to multiple non-telco, non-cableco ISP's including MonkeyBrains.net and most recently Sonic gigabit fiber.

I value the option to obtain telephone service from a cable company or independent ISP should my wireless provider coverage become unacceptable within my home, office, or daily routine.

Bi-directional broadband supports my wife's home-based business who deals with large documents and international clients. Her company's ability to save on office rent and telecommunications directly helps our family spend more time and money on our son's education and recent medical problems.

I use bi-directional broadband for professional-quality video conferencing from my home to support international partners in eastern Europe and SW Asia. Our family uploads dozens of personal photos per day and frequent video calling allows grandparents to really interact with our son such as reading stories from a picturebook over the phone. High bandwidth internet and the rise of streaming services have also given us new ways to buy live sports programming rather than in an expensive cable package or an unhealthy bar.

I recently visited a friend in rural Montana whose wife is a leader at a Montana technology company. She faces limits on doing business when she stays at her ranch in a rural areas because the bandwidth and latency levels provided by via satellite internet are too poor for IP calling or video calling necessary to help her lead her business. It was easy to see that the lack of quality broadband would directly affects the value of the land in rural areas if people who run businesses can't reliably communicate with the outside world while staying in rural areas.

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